

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.
2. Applicant's amendment was received on 9/25/2007, and has been entered and made of record. Currently, **claims 1 – 20** are pending.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments (*see Pre-Appeal Brief 3/19/2008 [pages 2 – 5]*) with respect to **claims 1 – 20** have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of these claims have been withdrawn.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. ***Claims 1 – 20*** are allowed.

Referring to **claims 1 and 11**, the innovative limitation that distinguishes the Applicant's claim is processing the strokes captured from a pointing instrument (e.g. digital pen) in order to determine the attachment requested for the facsimile message and then retrieving the requested attachment from a remote server (*see Pre-Appeal Brief 3/19/2008 [page 5, lines 1 – 2]*).

5. Referring to **claim 16**, the innovative limitation that distinguishes the Applicant's claim is the processor using pen stroke data captured by a digital pen and user

identification data to locate the attachment (see *Pre-Appeal Brief 3/19/2008 [pages 2 – 3]*).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Silverbrooks et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0179956) disclose an interactive printer for printing documents in response to data received from a sensing device (see *Abstract and Fig. 2*).

Chou (U.S. Patent No. 7,134,606) discloses an identifier for use with digital paper (see *Abstract and Figs. 1 – 3*).

Silverbrooks et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,322,524) disclose graphic design software using an interface surface (see *Abstract and Fig. 2*).

Braun et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0061690) and **Rojas et al.** (European Patent No. 1 403 755) both disclose a method for creating a document having metadata (see *Abstract and Figs. 1 – 3B*).

Feague et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0013104) disclose an integrated personal information management system comprising a receptacle holding at least one paper page that is capable of receiving pen strokes from a digital pen (see *Abstract and Figs. 1 – 2*).

Rojas et al. (European Patent No. 1 404 106) disclose a method for creating and sending a facsimile using a digital pen (see *Abstract*).

Rojas et al. (European Patent No. 1 403 777) and **Braun et al.** (U.S. Patent No. 7,343,042) disclose a method for identifying a paper form using a digital pen (see *Abstract*).

Rojas et al. (European Patent No. 1 403 756) disclose a system for remote form completion (see *Abstract*).

Norris et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,110,576 and European Patent No. 1 439 497) disclose a method for authenticating a mailpiece sender wherein biometric information or biometric metadata is captured when a user writes on a mailpiece with a digital pen (see *Abstract*).

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